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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the (X) utility, ( ) design, ( ) plant patent application of:

INVENTORS: Takashi MIIDA

For: CHANGEABLE GAIN AMPLIFIER, SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE  
AND OPTICAL SIGNAL READING METHOD

Enclosed are:

(X) 27 page of specification

(X) Abstract

( ) Oath or Declaration

( ) Power of Attorney

10 Sheets of (X) formal ( ) informal drawings

( ) An assignment of the application to:

( ) Preliminary Amendment

( ) Information Disclosure Statement

( ) Change of Address

( ) Assignment Cover Sheet

( ) Petition to Make Special Under 37 CFR 1.102(c)

( ) Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Fee	Number Filed	Number Extra	Large Entity	Small Entity	Amount
Utility	XXX	XXX	\$ 740.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 740.00
Design	XXX	XXX	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	
Plant	XXX	XXX	\$ 510.00	\$ 255.00	
Total Claims	- 20 =		x \$18.00	X \$9.00	
Independent Claims	-3 =		x \$84.00	x \$ 42.00	
Multiple Dependency			\$ 280.00	\$ 140.00	
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(X) This application is filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53, and does not include:

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( ) The Issue Fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).

(X) Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
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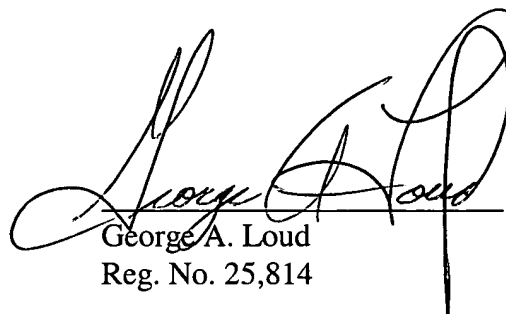
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( ) Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e) based on the following U.S. Provisional Application:

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